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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Procedures Governing Applications For and Deniel of Refunding; Correction

In FR Doc. 77-2576 appearing at page 4864 in the FEDERAL REGISTER of Wednesday, January 26, 1977, the "COMMENT" appearing on pages 4864the 4865 is corrected by deleting Section 3 "Obligations of the Corporation" and substituting the following language:

3. Obligations of the Corporation. The temporary regulation places the burden of proof in every case upon the recipient. Section 1606.11 of the current draft imposes upon the Corporation the obligation of proving, by a preponderance of the evidence, any disputed fact relied upon as a ground for denying refunding on a ground described in paragraph (c) or (d) of Section 1604.4. On all other issues, the Corporation has the obligation of showing that there is a substantial basis for denying refunding.

The Regulations Committee believes there is no legal requirement for the Corporation to assume these obligations, but concluded that it would be wise policy for

it to do so.

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Dated: January 28, 1977.

ALICE DANIEL, General Counsel. Legal Services Corporation. [FR Doc.77-8306 Filed 2-2-77:8:45 am]

DEPARTMENT OF **TRANSPORTATION**

Coast Guard

[46 CFR Chapter 1] 1GGD 75-0753

BEAZENE CARRIAGE REQUIREMENTS

Extension of Comment Period

This notice extends the period for comstores, the advance notice, published December 28, 1976 (41 FR 55897), concorning regulations for the reduction of rsennel exposure to benzene vapors ring beasens related operations on thak ships and tank timen.

ne of complicerable interest generated by this advance notice, and the

be extended 30 days, and comments will be received until March 7, 1977.

Dated: January 31, 1977.

H. G. LYONS, Acting Chief, Office of Merchant Marine Safety.

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UNITED STATES RAILWAY ASSOCIATION

[49 CFR Part 903]

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OR A COM-MITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

The United States Railway Association is considering the issuance of regulations to implement the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b), which requires the Association, among other agencies, to open its meetings to public observation, except in those cases specified in the statute wherein the Association may decide otherwise.

Interested persons may participate in the proposed rulemaking by submitting written data, views and arguments to the Office of the General Counsel, United States Railway Association, Room 2222. 2100 2nd Street S.W., Washington, D.C. 20595. Each person submitting comments should include his or her name and address, identify this notice, and give reasome for the recommendations, Comments received by March 5, 1977, will be considered before final action is taken on this proposal. Copies of all written comments received will be available fer examination by interested persons in the Office of the General Counsel, both before and after the date of closing. The proposal may be changed in the light of the comments received.

It will be the policy of the Association that the meetings of its Board of Directors, or any committee thereof, will be open to public observation to the fullest extent consistent with individual rights and the Association's statutory and legal duties to carry out its functions.

Generally, actions of the Association are taken by its statutory Board of Directors, Executive Committee, or Finance Committee. However, there may be cases in which some other committee of the Coast Guard's desire to obtain all rele- Board of Directors could be established want comments, the comment period will for the purpose of handling a specific

situation, or series of situations, to which the "Sunshine" Act applies. Therefore, in the case of a meeting (as defined in \$ 963.2) by the Board, or any Committee of it, the rules proposed in this notice would apply to the public notice of, information about, and conduct of, that meeting. In addition, by virtue of section 201(i) (1) of the Regional Rail Reorganization Act of 1973, as amended, the Pinance Committee is suthorized to tablish, revise and maintain its own rules and procedures. Consequently the rules, as they may be changed in light of the comments received, may be separately and independently adopted by the Finance Committee.

In consideration of the foregoing, it is proposed to amend Chapter IX of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, by adding a new Part 903, as set forth below,

This notice is issued under the authority of \$522b of Title 5, United States Code and section 202 of the Regional Rail Reorganization Act of 1973 (45 U.S.C. 712).

Issued in Washington, D.C. on January 28, 1977.

> ARTHUR D. LEWIS. Chairman of the Board, United States Railway Association.

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AUTHORITY: 5 U.S.C. 5526, sec. 202 Regional Rafi Reorganization Act of 1978 (45 Ū.S.C. 712).

§ 903.1 Purpose and scope.

(a) Section 552b of Title 5. United States Code, the "Government in the Sunshine Act" requires each agency to open every portion of every meeting" to public observation, except for certain cases enumerated in § 983.5.

(b) This part sets forth the Association's procedures for implementing the Met. with respect to meetings of its Board of Directors, Executive Commite, Finance Committee, or other committee of the Board of Directors.

§ 903.2 Definitions

Unless otherwise required by the con-text, the following definitions apply in

this part: "Association" means the United States Railway Association.

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